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65 MEXICANS DEPORTED BY ICE DETENTION AND REMOVAL

11 convicted predators among the deported

MIAMI—Eleven convicted predators were among 65 illegal aliens deported Wednesday to Mexico by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE's) Office of Detention and Removal.

Among the deported was 31-year-old Paulino Juarez-Cortez, a man sentenced to 6 years and 9 months in prison following a July 10, 1997 sexual conviction. He was convicted of sexual battery against a child under 12 years of age and for lewd and lascivious acts against a child under 16 years of age.

Juarez-Cortez was found ineligible for any form of immigration relief by an impartial immigration judge on Dec. 17, 1997. He was subsequently ordered removed from the country.

Also deported was Norberto Fernandez-Flores, 26, convicted of lewd and lascivious battery against a child. Fernandez-Flores was ordered deported by an immigration judge on Oct. 27, 2005.

"Our message is clear: those posing a threat to our communities that have no legal right to remain in the United States will be removed as quickly as possible as mandated by law," said Michael Rozos, Florida's field office director for detention and removal. "ICE is committed to restoring integrity to our nation's immigration system."

ICE effects its deportations aboard both commercial and government aircraft. The government's aircraft is run by the U.S. Marshal Service and is called the Justice Prisoner and Alien Transportation System (JPATS). JPATS is one of the largest transporters of prisoners in the world and handles hundreds of requests every day to move prisoners and criminal aliens nationally and internationally.

There is an automatic 10-year bar against deported aliens from legally re-entering the U.S. Re-entering the U.S. after being formally deported is a felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.